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STOLE TRINKETS

Two Young Missourians Relieved of Their Team and Wagon to Pay Fine, Costs and Attorneys' Fees.

On Friday night two young men who gave their names as Jay Taylor and J. F. Taylor, and who said their home is in Missouri about sixteen miles northeast of Leavenworth, were arrested between Sharon and Attica by Sheriff Haun while they were making their flight with a lot of small articles stolen from stables in this city. They, in company with a Mr. Bell, were camped several days in the north part of town and while there did considerable business in the way of going through different barns and taking stuff and appropriating it to their own use.

Among the stolen goods were a horse blanket and storm robe belonging to Dr. I. W. Stout, a fishing tackle belonging to G. A. Hibbard, a buggy whip belonging to Senator Long and a few other articles which were not claimed when this article was written. A lot of feed was also missing but as it was not found in their possession, they did not have to stand for that part of the theft.

Dr. Stout was the first to miss his stuff. He notified Sheriff Haun and in a few hours the sheriff had his men. Suspicion had pointed to them before they left town and they were easily traced.

They were arraigned before Justice Collins on Monday morning and they entered a plea of guilty to a charge of petit larceny, and were fined \$5.00 and costs, amounting in all to \$33.55. At first the county attorney preferred a charge of burglary but after a conference with J. N. Tinscher, the prisoners' attorney, he consented to permit them to plead guilty to petty larceny. The young men had a team and wagon which their attorney took in charge and advanced the money to pay them out. The matter was speedily adjusted and the gents shook the Medicine Lodge mud from their heels—whether by rail, foot, horseback or the time-honored tie pass, affiant saith not.

One Cecil Bell, a 17-year-old son of the man with whom the Taylors camped, was also implicated. He confessed burning a blanket belonging to George Hibbard and a neck-strap belonging to Dr. Stout, to avoid being caught in possession of them. He was not prosecuted, but agreed to pay for the property destroyed.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Rev. H. C. Shipley will lecture at the Christian church on Monday, Jan. 30th, on the Customs, Habits and Religions of the people of Japan, China and India, and the characteristics of those lands.

Many vivid views of the Orient in early day life and on holiday occasions will be illustrated with a stereopticon. The lecturer has spent many years in those climes and is well versed from actual experience. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT.

The band boys will give a dance at the opera house on Friday night of this week. Other amusements can be indulged in the rear of the hall by those who do not care to dance, similar to the entertainment provided at the New Year Ball. The music, as usual, will be furnished by Walstad's orchestra.

Gano & Hoag want to buy kafir corn, cane and millet seed. It will pay you to figure with them if you have any to sell.

IN THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY.

MERRILL-PRIEST.

John E. Merrill and Miss Beatrice Priest were married at Alva, Oklahoma, on Tuesday evening, January 17th, by Rev. J. L. Burkett. The marriage ceremony was solemnized at the home of Col. C. H. Eldred. An elegant supper was spread by Robert Evans and wife of Alva who are warm friends of the groom.

The groom is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Merrill and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Priest. Both were brought up in or near this city. The Index wishes them a happy and prosperous future.

LEMON-RULE.

Jess Lemon and Miss Rintha Rule of Sharon were united in marriage on Sunday, January 22, 1905, by Rev. F. S. Atwell.

The bride is a daughter of Henry Rule and wife. She has been brought up from childhood to womanhood in the vicinity of Sharon and is well and favorably known by everybody in that vicinity. The groom has resided near Sharon for several years, has been employed by different citizens in the neighborhood and has a reputation as an industrious and trustworthy young man.

GALLAGHER-PARSONS.

Thomas Gallagher and Miss Pearl Parsons of this city were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathews on Friday night, January 20, 1905, Elder A. O. Walker officiating.

The groom is a son of Mrs. J. D. Mathews and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parsons. They are both cordial and industrious young people and their friends wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher went to Oklahoma on Friday to spend their honeymoon visiting with relatives.

BIGHAM-CULLISON.

Geo. W. Bigham and Leslie May (McCoy) Cullison of this city were married Sunday, January 22nd, by Rev. G. L. Swan.

WALKER-BURNEY.

Rev. Albert O. Walker, pastor of the Christian Church of this city, and Miss Sybil Burney were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Washington avenue, on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 1905. Rev. G. L. Swan solemnized the marriage.

Rev. Walker has been the Christian minister in this city nearly two years and during that time has won the confidence and friendship of everybody, both in and out of the church. As a minister and a gentleman he is the peer of any pastor who ever preached in Medicine Lodge. He is able, industrious, courteous and obliging, and beautifully combines those qualities essential to a man of force and power in the pulpit.

His bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Burney. She was born and brought up in Medicine Lodge. She is cultured and refined, is blessed with a sweet and lovable disposition and will prove a valuable helpmate to her chosen husband in his profession.

On the first of February Rev. Walker will take up evangelistic work in Oklahoma which means that he and his bride will soon bid Medicine Lodge friends adieu. That their departure will be deeply regretted, goes without saying, but all our people are proud to be numbered among their friends and shower their good wishes upon them. Wherever they go they may rest assured that the esteem of the people of Medicine Lodge goes with them.

ED PUCKET INSANE.

Ed Pucket was adjudged insane by Probate Judge Gleason and a commission of physicians composed of Drs. T. A. Coleman, W. H. Moore and J. T. Cushenbery on Saturday. Judge Gleason has made application for his admission to the asylum and he will be taken there for treatment as soon as he can be received. Mr. Pucket has been ailing since Nov. 10th. He has been steadily growing worse and is now considered dangerous. In the beginning of his sickness Dr. Coleman pronounced it insanity. He was taken to Wichita recently for an examination and the physicians there confirmed Dr. Coleman's theory.

Mr. Pucket has a wife and child. Since his affliction he has been staying with his brother-in-law and sister, Dallas Morris and wife. It is hoped that the sickness will yield to treatment.

A. B. TULL FINED.

From the Kingman Leader-Courier.

"One day last week Dr. J. Fremont Burket went before Justice J. J. Harlow and filed complaint against one A. B. Tull, charging that Tull was practicing dentistry in this county without having taken out the required state certificate entitling him to do so. The specific charge was for work done in the vicinity of Nashville. A warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Cheatum, and he was sent after Tull Friday. He was located at Nashville and was arrested and brought before the magistrate for a hearing. When confronted with the charge he at once entered a plea of 'guilty.' The penalty for an infraction of this particular law is a fine, ranging anywhere from \$25 to \$100. The minimum fine was assessed, which, with the costs, brought the cost to Mr. Tull up to \$45.30. The matter was settled up in full and the defendant was discharged. Mr. Tull's home is in Oklahoma, and he was visiting friends at Nashville."

Mr. Tull was at one time a student in Dr. Yant's dental office in this city and practiced dentistry before the law became so restrictive. His parents resided in Valley township before removing to Oklahoma.

A FALSE REPORT.

A few months ago a Medicine Lodge paper reported that the youngest child of Mrs. Nettie Bristow, widow of the late W. G. Bristow who at one time resided here, was burned to death. The report seems to have been false, according to the following from the Kiowa Journal:

"Mrs. H. D. Records is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Nettie Bristow stating that the report that her youngest child burned to death was not true and she was at a loss to know how such a report got started. The boy, however, was burned and confined to his bed for four weeks with his injuries, but after that time was up and as spry as any of the other children."

J. HARRY GAY COMING.

Remember that J. Harry Gay, Ophthalmic Optician and eye sight specialist, will be in Medicine Lodge at Grand Hotel on Tuesday morning, Feb. 7th, and will examine your eyes free of charge until Wednesday evening, Feb. 15.

Mrs. W. C. Mills of Lipscomb, Texas, arrived Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Wilkins.

Mrs. Myra Jones and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Wichita, arrived Saturday to visit a week with Eugene Youmans and wife and other relatives.

Garfield Parsons came down from Kansas City last Wednesday to visit relatives and friends. He will return this week. Gar has a position in one of the big department stores on a salary of \$65 per month and likes the work.

REV. WALKER'S FAREWELL.

On Sunday night, January 29th, Rev. A. O. Walker, pastor of the Christian church, will preach his farewell sermon to Medicine Lodge and Barber county people.

Mr. Walker's standing here is such that he will have a tremendous congregation on this occasion. His relations with Medicine Lodge people during his work among them have been most cordial and all sincerely regret that his arrangements are such that he can no longer remain with us.

The following resolution adopted by the Christian Church Board speaks of the esteem in which his church held him, and all our people outside of the church heartily endorse its sentiment and bid him god-speed.

Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Jan. 14, 1905.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Bro. A. O. Walker has been pastor of the First Christian Church at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, from Sept. 1, 1903 to Feb. 1, 1905, and has proven himself to be an earnest and zealous worker, a christian gentleman and a good pastor and a successful worker among the young people and has given splendid satisfaction to the board of the church.

This action taken at a regular meeting of the official board on above date.

J. M. SEARS, Chairman.
C. W. KIDD, Clerk.

Rev. Walker will leave for Oklahoma the first of next month to take up evangelistic work under the Oklahoma Church Board.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Col. John MacGregor, through Samuel Stewart, sold his farm of 200 acres eight miles southeast of Medicine Lodge, last Wednesday to W. A. Stewart, of Alva, Ok. Consideration \$4000. The Col. bought this land about twelve years ago for a mere song, and the selling price, outside of the cost of improvements, is clean velvet. Considering the present price of land, however, Mr. Stewart has a bargain.

The day following the sale Col. MacGregor bought J. W. Brown's quarter two and one-half miles east of town, adjoining the Carey Ewart farm on the east. He paid \$2400 for it. He will begin the erection of a substantial house at once. Mr. Brown cleared \$1000 on this quarter and has his crops besides, and yet good judges of land say that Col. MacGregor got a cheap quarter. It is an exceptionally good tract of land and will grow into money more rapidly than ever after buildings are erected on it.

On Thursday T. L. Lindley and Samuel Stewart bought what is known as the old Myers place north and east of Medicine Lodge. Consideration \$1,880.00.

Geo. Larkin of Deerhead, recently purchased the old McElwain ranch in Eagle township and is preparing to build a modern mansion on it. George has always been a mighty good fellow but since he has become a benedict he looks fifty per cent younger, seventy-five per cent more handsome and is prospering tri-fold.

Wm. Fuller sold his ranch east of town on Saturday to M. R. Winter, of LeCompton, Kansas. It consisted of 480 acres and commanded \$9,600 cash. Mr. Winter and family will move down in March. He also owns the former Bruce Dobbs ranch northwest of the city. He is a brother-in-law to C. J. Heise.

Four papers for \$1.30: The Index, the Farmer and Stockman, the Farm Gazette and the Home-Maker—all for a trifle more than the price of one. Take advantage of the combination offer while it lasts.

RUSSIA IN A REVOLUTION.

Russia is in the throes of revolution which at its outbreak on Sunday threatened to equal the historical French revolution for horror and bloodshed. The dispatches say the result will be that the Czar will either be killed or will have to abdicate. The middle classes have suffered much at the hands of the tyrant and they are now up in arms in rebellion against the government. It may mean a constitution or it may result in utter destruction of the masses. Time will tell. It probably will bring a speedy close to the Russo-Japan war. The Czar has now troubles of his own and it appears that the Russian monarchy is about to collapse. Truly, history will repeat itself.

JUDGMENT AS PRAYED.

M. A. Thurman of Elwood township secured a judgment in Justice W. T. Collins' court in this city last Wednesday for \$168, against Jacob Schmidt of Oklahoma. Mr. Thurman pastured some cattle for Schmidt, completing a contract entered into by Joe McAdoo, by agreement of all parties concerned. When Mr. Schmidt took his cattle from Mr. Thurman's range in November he claimed that the herd was eight short and claimed also that his contract with McAdoo provided that all missing cattle should be paid for. However, he gave Thurman a check for the full amount and took the cattle. Afterward, however, before the check, was presented for payment he stopped payment which forced Mr. Thurman into court.

Judge Collins, after hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, found for the plaintiff. Seward I. Field represented the plaintiff and Samuel Griffin the defendant. Mr. Griffin has given notice of an appeal to the district court.

CALICO BALL.

The St. Valentine Ball to be given by the Rathbone Sisters Feb. 14th is to be a "Calico Ball." Every lady who dances must wear a calico dress and the gentlemen must wear a calico vest or calico neck-tie or both. The doors will be open to everybody and all who dance are requested to consider themselves invited.

BIRTHS.

On Tuesday, January 17th, Warren Simpson and wife received a nice little girl into their home. Dr. Coleman in attendance.

A charming daughter was born to Green Harris and wife on Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Dr. Moore in attendance.

Born, to Thos. Cunningham and wife of Cedar township, Jan. 12th, a daughter. Dr. Burnett of Hazelton attended.

Harvey Pelton and wife of Sharon township are the proud parents of a big boy born on Sunday, the 22nd. Dr. VanFossen in attendance. Frank Warren was mean enough to intimate that the young man will vote the straight republican ticket twenty-one years hence.

Allen Herr and Ed. Pray of Kiowa were in the city yesterday.

Read the "ad" of Wilkins & Co. on our last page.

L. L. Tedrow and wife's baby was taken suddenly and critically ill with convulsions Saturday while being wheeled on the street in a cab. It was taken into Dr. Taber's office and several physicians were quickly called. In the course of a half hour the child was out of danger.

APPLES!

Good ones for \$1.00 per bushel, crated, at A. B. Wilkins & Co's.

C. Q. Chandler went to Topeka on Monday.

Those suits for men and boys are the finest out.—Woodward & Son

Sheriff Haun went to Topeka on Monday to attend a meeting of the sheriffs' association.

People say that the finest groceries in town are at H. T. Woodward & Son's. Phone 38.

Will Merrill attended the wedding of his brother, John, at Alva on Tuesday night of last week.

Rev. Ward, a minister of St. Louis, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, morning and evening.

J. N. Tinscher and E. H. Nixon hiked out to Topeka last Wednesday to see that the legislature transacted business properly.

Otis Lorton made a trip to Topeka last week to put his name in the pot for some of the good things the administration is handing out.

Susie Catharine Kidd entertained some of her little friends on her 8th birthday, Saturday, Jan. 21st. The little folks enjoyed themselves splendidly.

R. I. Keller of Hazelton, was at the court house and "chinning" our business men last Wednesday. He ticked this shop by depositing a \$ with us.

White Rabbit Flour insures good eating. A. B. Wilkins & Co. handle it. Call up phone 69 and get a sack today. Try it and you will use none other.

J. C. Walstad was at Harper last week. He went at the request of some of the citizens of Harper who want him to organize a band and orchestra in that city. If they succeed in getting a sufficient number interested Mr. Walstad will make a trip twice a week to instruct a class.

After lodge meeting Monday night, about forty Knights of Pythias waited, on Brother A. O. Walker and presented him a little purse of \$11 or \$12 as a wedding present and token of esteem in which the lodge holds him. Mr. Walker was a little hard to arouse and was a little nervous but felt better when he got off so easy.

W. T. Wheat brought in Jude Marion Williams Monday evening, charged with burglary and larceny. He is alleged to have broken into the house of S. C. Darling at Kiowa and stolen \$10.00, a knife and a razor. Sheriff Haun arrested him at Attica and turned him over to Mr. Wheat who was on his way home from Kiowa. The boy, who is about 16 years old, is now in the county jail.

C. F. Ware and J. A. Lester of Cedar township and Dr. Burnett of Hazelton were transacting business in the probate court on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Ware was appointed executor of his mother's estate, Rebecca J. Ware, lately deceased, and Messrs. Lester and Burnett were witnesses. The notice of appointment appears in this issue of the Index.

Samuel Stewart is bringing eastern real estate investors into the county at a lively rate and the purchasers are making very good investments, too. During the past two years an investment in Barber county real estate yielded 25 per cent in addition to the crops raised. The increase in real estate values within the coming few years promises to be even greater. Now is the proper time for buyers to get busy.